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Experiments in Graphic Arts of Spirits—Spirits Bishop Phillips Brooks and Mimi
Give Alphabet, Word-symbols, and Drawings of Atmospheric
Coat Covering Spirit Body.

By Prof. H. P. Holler.

Automatic writing of psychics, planchette writing, and independent spirit writing have been known for many years, and, occasionally, a few symbols have been given with or mostly without explanations.

For about six months, my wife, who is a good writing medium, and I, who am clairvoyant and somewhat clairaudient, privately carried on experiments in and out of the cabinet, with and without the so-called "Wondergraph" and a dial-pointing planchette specially devised by me, the dial having an enlarged alphabet and a number of words in German and English, as well as various special signs and numbers. Soon also Dr. L. and Mrs. W., who came regularly to healing seances, on Wednesdays, were able to use my dial planchette, like Mrs. Holler. Many spirits communicated thus with us and others, graphically. The wondergraph is useful also for drawing, and Spirit Mimi, Mrs. Holler's sister, frequently drew for us. For instance, when the newspapers of various countries had large articles about the psychic experiments of the Dutch professors Zaalberg van Zeist and Matla, we were enabled by Mimi's own drawing, as well as by her explanations to disprove that the forms of spirit bodies are materially different from the mortal human forms. The drawing of Prof. Zeist of a spirit body, as shown in the "Washington Post," of April 13, 1913, is not a drawing by spirits themselves, such as Mimi has given us, but Prof. Zeist drew it from his own fancy, after explanations from spirits. There is, however, great similarity between his drawing and those of Mimi. But the meaning was entirely misunderstood by Prof. Zeist. The form shown is not that of the spirit body, but of an atmospheric cover over the spirit body. Clairvoyantly, I have seen Mimi come down in such coat, which we usually call her "rain-coat," for it is mostly in heavy atmospheric conditions that they use such covering, it seems, and when she was quite near she discarded the coat and I saw her in her usual human form. The "big eye" mentioned by the Dutch professor is nothing but a "window" in the "raincoat," to permit the spirit to look out, because I saw such "window" in Mimi's "raincoat" where I saw her head emerging later.

For some time, I had been curious to learn what kind of alphabet the spirits used among themselves, and in the spirit tablet which they sometimes showed to me, the writing of which was resplendently white on shiny black "ebony." Mimi had also for some time given us a number of strange figures and symbolic forms, which, she said, we would soon learn to understand. At last, on July 7, 1913, our dear spirit friend, Bishop Phillips Brooks, who comes to us daily, was able to communicate the whole spirit alphabet, numbers, and some word-symbols to us. Since then, other symbols have been added by him and Mimi. Just as soon as we had received and learned this alphabet and the symbols, all the many spirits who communicated with us regularly and others who were new stopped writing to us in the ordinary way and wrote only in the spirit alphabet and more frequently drew or showed the symbols. It was as if they had been waiting for such opportunity. This writing is used by every nationality and for various languages spoken by spirits. It seems to be the one universal mode of writing for spirits. But, on account of the symbols, it is also a mode of universal language, the best one ever devised.

This spirit writing is unique, but very simple and most perfect, evidently, for the purpose of writing electrically in onrunning current. It is written without ever lifting the pencil. There is no break between words, sentences, or lines; but words are separated by a longer base-line connecting the last and first letters, and sentences are separated by initial capital letters unusually large, while lines are connected by running the pencil close under the line finished, backward, to begin the next line. Often, to make a long story short, they will insert one or several word-symbols between written-out words; but these symbols are always inserted without breaking the current, as it were, i. e., without lifting the pencil. The symbol-writing is not much unlike the

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writing of logograms in short-hand; though the spirit symbols often express several words and even whole sentences: "abundance of grace," "increase of power," "sanguinary-nervous thought-force," "we have difficulties," etc. The numbers, too, are written without break between them. Everything is connected at the base like the Sanskrit is connected at top, yet, in the spirit writing, lines are not drawn across open forms, the connecting line is not across but between the letters. Capitals and small or lower case letters are exactly alike in form, the difference is entirely that of size.

I have compared all known alphabets and shorthand systems for at least ten years and have an excellent collection of them. In comparing this spirit writing, I find that it is original, though there are a few similarities with single letters in various alphabets, and because they are from widely differing alphabets, a derivation of the spirit alphabet from any one or any number of existing alphabets is out of question. One cannot doubt that this mode of writing is the best for intercommunicating between spirits and between spirits and mortals, and it is a secret mode of writing quite practical also for communication of secret messages between mortals.

This writing has been revealed to us by our closest spirit friends to assist us in our work of the Oriental University, and, though we have been warned not to divulge the key to this writing given by them, and which we can furnish in German and English, to the general public, we received permission to give it to our worthy students of psychology and mediumship, as well as to the true members of our Order of the Golden Rule (Masonic).

By this revelation or discovery, psychic research in America has entered upon its great successful stage of graphic proofs.

The following does not explain the writing; but it gives some points of comparison in which linguists and orientalists are interested. Let me say then that the O and U of the spirit letters are similar to those of the Old Semitic as also preserved in the Roman. The G is similar to that in the Sinjirli (800 B. C.), the Tema (500 B. C.), though there the first (upward) stroke is slightly shortened, and in the Old Dravidian as still found in Telugu and Kanarese, omitting of course the Dravidian a-hook on top. The L is similar to that of the Oldest Ethiopic, but is pointed at top. The R is very similar to the Roman capital R, though the twist in the middle of the downward stroke (at the right) is far less marked and does not at all touch the first stroke. Similar to the spirit mode of writing, we find that the Old Coptic, too, is writing small letters like the large letters, differentiating only in size.

I have carefully arranged and drawn all the letters, numbers, and symbols received from the spirits in a chart which may be had from the Oriental University Book Concern, for 25c in stamps. The German and English Key is given only to our students or members, the cost of membership or course in mediumship or psychology being only \$15, which must be prepaid. The arrangement of the letters is not like that in our alphabet, but according to similarity of signs, so as to prevent anyone else to decipher them and because this arrangement will facilitate the learning of the letters, etc.

As we expect a large number of applications and as those who wish to thoroughly understand the letters, numbers, and symbols will receive the greatest care by special tests, to see that they have understood everything perfectly, some time is required, and we recommend early applications, as they will be taken up in the number received. Address: 1919 Penna. Ave., Washington, D. C.

Note.—Just when we go to press, further communications have been completed, and we have received 44 additional symbols, some of which stand for whole sentences, and these will be added now. We expect to receive many more later. These symbols agree with those given in sacred and mediumistic writings, but, while there we find only a dozen or so, as the sickle, meaning war; the square, meaning eternity; the circle, meaning omnipotence, etc., we have now obtained part of the whole symbolic language. Some of the latter 44 symbols were revealed by Spirits Rev. H. Kuhlmann, Mr. W. Vest, and Capt. A. Munchow.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE.

The celebration of the Tenth Anniversary Jubilee of the Oriental University, at 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Sunday, June 8th, was a great success. It started with the annual meetings of the affiliated societies, namely, the Universal Theomonic Association, the International Psychological Society, and the International Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters. Rev. Dr. H. P. Holler was elected general superintendent of the Universal Theomonic Association, which aims to start anew on the basis of primitive pure Christianity and unite it with modern scientific and non-sectarian principles, working especially for social justice and economic improvements among all nations of the world. It was decided to train and ordain ministers and missionaries for this new religious movement. Rev. Dr. E. C. Abbott was elected president of the International Psychological Society, formerly known as the Washington Psychological Society. Dr. T. G. Lewis was re-elected as president of the International Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, incorporated in the District of Columbia. This Academy, which is growing, was originally founded by Dr. F. C. Nicholas, of New York, now in Mexico. The decoration of the Academy, the double wreath, was voted to President Lewis, who faithfully and efficiently served for several years; to Dr. H. Leleus, head of the New York branch, and to Dr. P. M. Conner, head of the

Philadelphia branch. A meeting of the Order of the Golden Rule was also held and several members initiated. A safe mode of transmitting its secrets by mail was agreed upon.

The first Jubilee meeting began at 3 p. m. with an invocation by Rev. Abbott. Addresses were made by the president of the University, Prof. H. P. Holler, on "Principles Actuating Me in Founding the Oriental University;" by Prof. A. W. Belmont, on "Education on a Psychological Basis;" by Prof. A. R. Colburn, on "Life Universal As Known Through Spirit Communication," and by Hon. E. V. Brookshire, formerly member of U. S. Congress, on "Education from a Philosophical Standpoint." Reading and recitations were given by Mrs. E. Sargent and Miss E. L. Hoffman. The broad universalistic principles of the University and the spirit of harmony became apparent through all addresses. Dr. Belmont expressed a happy thought in advocating the substitution of the terms "aducation" and "avolution" for the backward-looking "education" and "evolution." Mr. Colburn's abundant information from spirits about the conditions in the spirit spheres, and their mode of life was a revelation to most people in the audience, and he made a number of converts to Spiritualism without aiming at any propaganda. Hon. Brookshire's deep philosophic thought and elucidation of Plato's and others' philosophies were truly elevating; while President Holler's "principles" called forth enthusiastic applause.

The second Jubilee meeting began at 8 p. m. with a prelude on the organ by Mrs. M. Morgan and solos by Miss E. Nugent. Prof. E. H. Young then spoke on "Unity and Peace." Prof. T. G. Lewis lectured on "Civil Laws and Morality." Prof. H. P. Holler spoke on "Modern Requirements of a Minister." This was followed by an interpretation and reading from "Hamlet" by the well-known Shakespearean lecturer, Dr. E. C. Abbott. A mandolin and banjo duet by Mrs. E. Moscovitz and Miss S. Siphert, both of the University Faculty, was very pleasing. Dr. L. R. Stone and Lic. phar. Mr. Silberstrom were installed as professors, and degrees were conferred upon Rev. E. C. Abbott, Rev. G. W. Kates, Mr. P. M. Conner, Mr. L. M. Bernstein, Mrs. E. Sargent; and Miss E. Holler received her graduation certificate from the High School department. An address by the Rev. Kates, and dramatic character sketches by Major A. F. Akers and Mrs. E. Sargent concluded the interesting program. Telegrams and letters, also subscriptions to the Jubilee fund, from friends of the University in other cities and foreign countries, convinced the pioneers in this new kind of universalistic educational work, which is not at all appreciated by the general public as it should be, that the most advanced people in every place and country are one in the great ideas of universal progress and unity.

STUPID OFFICIOUSNESS OF U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

We are sorry to see that the stupid officiousness of Dr. Babcock, who has left the Bureau, seems to be perpetuated by Mr. Kalbach. One of our representatives has sent us a letter by that gentleman which—after admitting that "said University is incorporated and has power to do the things enumerated in your letter"—ends: "owing to lack of definite information in this Bureau as to the thoroughness of the work, we are unable to recommend its work." What does this Bureau know about the "thoroughness" of the many schools which it regularly registers more than it does about the Oriental University? Babcock did not seem to know a thing about the old and large National University Law School, of this City, when he called at our office, and now they are lacking information about us. That is strange, indeed. It seems to be a mere excuse to refuse to register us regularly. The Bureau is prejudiced against correspondence schools. They are not as liberal and highly educated at the Bureau, it would seem, as at the time of Commissioner Harris, who gladly reviewed in long reports the work of the Chautauqua University, which taught by correspondence and gave degrees for such correspondence studies. This is the plutocratic era, to be followed by the Socialistic era. The pendulum always swings back, you know. Our time comes.

We are sending the Bureau all our publications and are always glad to give full and detailed private reports. But they do not seem to want such reports, for they have discontinued calling for it, though they send for such information to other schools, we are sure.

H. P. HOLLER.

EDUCATORS AND SCHOOLS, GET BUSY!

Educators and schools wishing to affiliate with the Oriental University, for the sake of mutual assistance, are requested to either change the name of their enterprise to "Theomonistic School of Modern Sciences" or to adopt this as a surname to the name under which the school is already known. Such schools should teach the mother-tongue and English (if English is not the mother-tongue); Geography of the World, including Commercial Geography; Industries and Crafts (as far as possible); Physics; Evolution, including Palaeontology and Biology, and even Biochemistry if possible; Economics (national and international); Socialism (in its wider aspects); Biblical Studies (Text-criticism, Introduction to Bible, and Spiritism of the Bible); Psychism, including Mediumship; Psychiatry, including Anatomy and Hygiene; and Theomonistic Religion.

The aim should be to train business people, economists (lawyers), healers, media,



teachers, and preachers. The basis of all to be the universal, non-sectarian Theomonism, and both men and women should be admitted. No distinction should be made as to race or nationality.

Those who are interested in this plan are requested to write the President of the Oriental University, Washington, D. C.

TO ALL READERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

Don't drift aimlessly on the sea of life. Understand life. "Know thyself." Fix your course you wish to go, and fix it so that you become a really useful link in the great band of world-leaders. The greatest aim in life is not making money only, but to perfect yourself, by patient studies and observations, for the purpose of lifting up and making independent those who are below you in understanding. Don't think there is no room for you, or that you have no gifts. Make a careful plan of your deeper and really advanced studies. Now is the time to apply for such courses of the Oriental University. Where there is a will there is a way. Tell us what you want. Get that idea out of your head that an honorary degree, or a degree that, by hook and crook, you wheedle out of a low-class "no-account" sham institution somewhere in the backwoods or the little office in the city, an institution whose promoter is only half educated himself, not to speak of the other "professors," can do you any good. What benefit will such a degree give? No, rather study sincerely and industriously, under the guidance of the competent Oriental University, and then, when, finally, a degree is really earned and granted you, you will be proud of it your whole life, and, no matter what enemies will do to the alma mater, you are alright, and you know your alma mater is alright.

Now is the time to begin in earnest. Let us hear from you at once.

CURRENT NEWS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

NEW MEMBERS. Universal Theomonistic Association: Dr. P. M. Conner; H. L. Kline; Mrs. H. L. Kline (Medium); Dr. T. G. Lewis; C. N. Murray; Prof. M. N. Pillay; Miss B. V. Yonge (Medium). International Psychological Society: Rev. Dr. E. C. Abbott; Dr. P. M. Conner; Rev. G. W. Kates, D. D.; Mrs. Zaida Brown Kates (Medium); Mrs. Lucy A. Rose Mallory, Editor; Prof. M. N. Pillay. Order of the Golden Rule (Masonic): Dr. P. M. Conner; Prof. M. N. Pillay. International Academy S. A. L.: Prof. M. N. Pillay.

PROMOTIONS. Rev. Edgar C. Abbott, D. D. h. c.; Preston M. Conner, Lit. D. h. c. (corrected from June Bulletin); Prof. Theron E. Elgin, M. A. h. c.; T. C. K. Kurup, LL. B.; Jacques Levillant, Ph.D.

A NEW COLLEGE IN INDIA AS PART OF THE ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY. It has been proposed by Mr. M. Sankar Linga Gowda, Secretary of the Students Union, of Ravana, Kunigal Post, Mysore State, S. India, to organize and establish a "Collegium Indicum Holleranum," as a part of the Oriental University, in Mysore. At present, this will be mainly an examining board. There will be a preliminary examination in arts, an intermediate examination in arts, and a Bachelor of Arts examination. Provision will also be made for examination in law, perhaps with the assistance of the International Law Institute, of Kapurthala, and it is hoped that our LL.B. degree will entitle to legal practice in Mysore and elsewhere.

NEW FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN INDIA. Prof. M. Nagalingam Pillay, Banker, Meenakshipuram, Nagercoil, Travancore, India, has been appointed financial representative of the Oriental University, to solicit honorary fellowships, donations, and other payments from India, and students' fees from Travancore.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES. Rev. Dr. Edgar C. Abbott, Shakespearean lecturer, Representative at large for United States (except where local agents); Dr. Sh. Abul Fazl, Representative at large for India (except where local agents or district concessionaires); Prof. Andrew Reid, Representative for Egypt.

DONATIONS RECEIVED. From Rev. Dr. E. C. Abbott, \$70; Dr. R. Dreher, \$35; Prof. T. E. Elgin, \$35; Dr. A. C. Harrington, \$10; Dr. F. Keusch, \$35; Dr. H. Leleus, \$7.50; Dr. P. M. Conner, \$10; Prof. R. Moscau, M. Aer., \$10; Rev. Dr. G. W. Kates, \$5.

BOOKS RECEIVED. From Author Diana A. Aparc, three books on the Armenian trouble; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Yearbook for 1912; Dr. J. Bresler, copies of his 20 medical books and pamphlets.

ORIENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

All who have taken courses or received a degree from the University are now admitted to membership, and membership card for the first year may now be received free of charge. After January 1, 1914, the fees will be as follows: Regular members who have earned a degree, \$1 p. a.; Supporting members who have received an honorary or duplicate degree, \$2; and Associate members who have taken one or more courses but have not received any degree, \$1.50. Send name and address and 2c stamp for free card for one year. Alumni in larger cities should organize local clubs. Names and addresses will be furnished.